

Torrance Real Estate Board to Promote Home Sales Campaign

Local Realtors are making plans to participate with thousands of others throughout the country in a "Buy a Home First" campaign now being launched by the National Association of Real Estate Boards, Harry Bowker, president of the Torrance-Lomita Real Estate Board, said today.

The local board is one of 1280 belonging to the National Association, the largest realty group in the nation.

The campaign is an intensive effort to tell the public of the value and importance of buying a home first, Bowker explained. Realtors across the nation will promote the slogan "Buy a Home First" through special advertising in the various media, display posters, stickers for correspondence and windows, distribution of pamphlets, open houses, and special programs.

"A home is the best buy on the market today," Bowker declared. "Real estate values generally, more than any others, hold their own whether it is the day of the declining dollar or the era of hard money. The current home market is probably more favorable to the buyer than in any time in recent history."

The real estate executive observed that home ownership traditionally has been and will continue to be a sound long-range investment, an excellent hedge against sustained inflationary periods.

Making monthly payments on a home, he noted, is the easiest and surest form of saving for the average family.

"The long term nature of home ownership, generally upwards of 20 years, dictates that home purchase should not be deferred because of short term economic uncertainties," Bowker said.

Young couples in particular, whose long range earning potential is bright or stable," he added, "should not be unduly influenced by uncertainties they should know or feel are temporary."

The local board president said those who overemphasize the debt obligation of home ownership tend to overlook the fact that in the course of years, the home owner reduces the principal.

Bicycle Safety Urged as Boys, Girls Start Summer

"For the safety of your children," encourage them to learn and observe safety rules for the operation of bicycles before the summer 'bike season' begins," Torrance parents were urged today by Ronald J. O'Brien, manager of the B. F. Goodrich store, 1323 Cravens ave.

O'Brien said that with street and highway traffic increasing and the number of bicycle riders rising sharply, it is important that parents stress bicycle safety to their youngsters.

"Deaths from accidents involving collisions of bicycles and motor vehicles in the United States jumped 7 per cent from 1955 to 1956, the last year for which we have statistics," he said.

He urged parents to teach their sons and daughters safe operation of bicycles for the same reasons they will want to teach them safe operation of automobiles later on.

O'Brien suggested they make sure the youngsters are taught to observe the following bicycle safety rules recommended by the National Safety Council:

1. Obey all traffic signs and signals.
2. Always signal before making turns.
3. Walk across heavy traffic.
4. Ride single file. Don't weave.
5. Watch carefully at railroad crossings.
6. Keep out of car tracks and ruts.
7. Never "stunt" or race in traffic.
8. Avoid all stunting.
9. Never carry passengers or drag children.
10. Carry parcels in racks or on carriers.
11. Use extra caution on all side-walks.
12. Get off street to make repairs.
13. Wear light colored clothing at night.
14. Want to ride safely.

PTA Group Has Many Activities

The 223rd Street School PTA has been busy with Open House Annual spaghetti dinner, held in April, the May board meeting at which time Mrs. Eleanor Kennedy, the principal, and Mrs. Francis Anania, the president, gave a luncheon for the PTA board members, and the departure of delegate, Mrs. Virgil Johnson to San Francisco for the annual PTA convention.

The spaghetti dinner was enjoyed by many before they visited the rooms and saw the many interesting and educational displays of each room.

At the May board meeting, Mrs. Kennedy discussed the necessity of putting some of the rooms on a double session this coming year so we may retain the several special services. This is the only way in which room can be made available. Some of these services are the posture program, special reading classes, speech service, music program, dance program and film program.

Practice Show Held Four Torrance Men Join Navy

San Pedro Obedience Training Club, which consists of members from the Harbor Area, held a practice match May 31 at Wilmington Recreation Center. The judging began at noon. Classes were held for novice and advance work with trophies through 4th place and special prizes for 5th place in all rings. All obedience trained dogs were invited to participate. Georgiann Tudder is president of the club.

All proceeds from the match will be entering in a seeing eye dog fund to help make it possible for some deserving blind person to "see through the eyes of a dog." The club makes a yearly donation to International Guiding Eye, Inc.

The public was invited to attend.

Four Torrance Men Join Navy

Dale Fields, local Navy recruit, announced today that four more Torrance men enlisted in the Navy recently, at the U. S. Navy Recruiting Station located at 16422 S. Vermont ave. They are:

Oscar Yanes, electronic seaman recruit, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Yanes, 1217 E. 222nd st.

Jon Eiserling, seaman recruit, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Eiserling, 5210 Vanderhill rd.

Ronald Terry, high school seaman recruit, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Terry, 3410 W. 226th st.

Ed Hoffman, seaman recruit, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Baker, 21243 Archibald ave.

Women Golfers Elect Officers

The Sea-Aire Women's Golf Club newly elected president, Mildred Edens, announces that membership in the group is open to any woman in the Torrance area interested in playing golf. Beginners are especially welcome.



Other officers elected at the recent meeting include: vice president, Helen Moore; secretary, Annalee Anweiler; and treasurer, Millie Hines. The following committees were appointed: baby sitting, Maggie Bakovic; refreshments, Dottie Ley; membership, Marys Flach;

social chairman, Ruth Keberlein; tournament and rules, Beak Baker, Jean Mitchell and Ruth Ellings.

The group plays golf every Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon and business meetings are held once a month. The next meeting will be 9:30 a.m. June 5.

Those who join on or before this date will become charter members of the group. Membership is \$1 a year. Special activities of the group will include golf clinic, tournaments and rules instruction.

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